

Amendment To The Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

[0063] Referring to FIG. 4A, another embodiment is described. Ultra violet (UV) light, particularly the light in the UV C spectrum is narrow wavelength light that is effective at killing bacteria on surfaces. Anthrax has been transported on the surface of envelopes. A mailbox 410 includes a controller 450 that may even be mechanical. UV C radiation sources at 260 nm 430, 432 are connected to a controller 450. The controller 450 is connected to a decontamination start switch 470, a timer and a display 418. The mailbox 410 is shielded 485 to prevent UV C radiation from escaping and is reflective. The mailbox interior has dividers 440 that allow the UV C energy to bathe the surfaces of each mail piece placed in each of the slots created by dividers 440. Divider bottom 442 is at least partially transparent to UV and allows UV C energy to bathe the bottom surfaces of the mail pieces. The postal worker places the mail in the mailbox, closing the door 411 having hinges 414, 416 (not shown). The postal worker uses a key to turn the switch 470 to start the decontamination and the postal worker leaves. The display 418 displays a warning and the door is locked. The UV C lights are lit for a predetermined time such as three hours and provide at least 20 milliwatts per centimeter squared of 260-nanometer light. One or 5 hours may be utilized, however, other time periods may be effective. The mailbox may utilize a communications channel and communications device 490 to provide an indication inside a home.